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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket No. (Optional)
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In re Application of Yasuaki HIRANO

Application Number Filed

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For: ERASE METHOD FOR NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR
STORAGE DEVICE AND ROW DECODERCIRCUIT FOR
FEILFILLING THE METHOD

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 03-1952

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the applicant/inventor.

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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1 forms are submitted.

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